

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN GEORGE GOLIE**, on February 1, 2005 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. George Golie, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Paul Clark, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Scott Sales, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. John Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)  
Rep. Dee L. Brown (R)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Robyn Driscoll (D)  
Rep. George Everett (R)  
Rep. Tom Facey (D)  
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)  
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Art Noonan (D)  
Rep. Don Roberts (R)  
Rep. John Ward (R)  
Rep. Bill Warden (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 235, 1/20/2005; HB 260,  
1/20/2005; HB 272, 1/20/2005; HB  
337, 1/20/2005

Executive Action: HB 79; HB 312; HB 208; HB 298

**HEARING ON HB 260**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:19 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, opened the hearing  
on HB 260, Water-based recreational access  
purchase and funding.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:22 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish Wildlife &  
Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:25:31 Kris Gagnon, Billings, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a04\)](#)

00:32:38 David Gulbrandson, Billings, Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a05\)](#)

00:37:04 John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited

00:41:13 Nathan Birekland, Montana Wildlife Federation

00:41:31 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association  
of Montana

00:42:17 Mary Alice Chester, Resident, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a06\)](#)

00:43:25 JoAnne Thun, Kayak Instructors and Boating  
Instructors

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:44:36 REP. CLARK

00:50:02 CHAIRMAN GOLIE

00:50:40 Doug Monger, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

00:51:03 REP. WARDEN

00:53:27 REP. KOOPMAN

00:54:48 REP. CLARK

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:14 REP. WILLIAM JONES (R), HD 9, closed the hearing  
on HB 260.

**HEARING ON HB 235**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:02:23      **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, opened the hearing on **HB 235**, Enhance hunter management laws--Private Land/Public Wildlife Council recommendations.

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a09\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:15:39      **SEN. KEN HANSON, SD 17**

01:16:37      Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a10\)](#)

01:18:08      George A. Bettas, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council, Stevensville

[EXHIBIT\(fih25a11\)](#)

01:22:37      Dan Walker, Private Land/Public Wildlife Council

01:27:59      Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:46      **REP. MILBURN**

01:31:38      **REP. KOOPMAN**

01:38:00      **REP. ROBERTS**

01:40:31      **REP. FACEY**

01:43:17      **REP. CLARK**

01:47:39      **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:48:25      **REP. MICHAEL LANGE (R), HD 55**, closed the hearing on **HB 235**.

01:51:57      Break

02:04:12      Resume

**HEARING ON HB 272**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:04:32      **REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39**, opened the hearing on **HB 272**, Half-priced hunting licenses to certain disabled veterans.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:07:23 Lena Belcourt, Governor's Health and Policy  
Advisor  
02:08:08 June Hermanson, Montanans with Disabilities for  
Equal Access  
02:08:51 Joe Tropila, Senator, SD 13

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Informational Testimony:**

02:09:29 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife &  
Parks

**EXHIBIT**(fih25a12)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:12:06 REP. WARD  
02:12:56 REP. DRISCOLL

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**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:14:07 REP. CAROL LAMBERT (R), HD 39 closed the hearing  
on HB 272.

**HEARING ON HB 337**

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**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:14:54 REP. LARRY JENT (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on  
HB 337, Appropriate funds for game warden trainee  
program.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:18:21 Jim Kropp, Law Enforcement Chief, Montana Fish,  
Wildlife & Parks  
**EXHIBIT**(fih25a13)  
02:19:29 Megan Dumas, Associated Students of Montana State  
University, Bozeman  
02:20:18 Jessica Grenran, Associated Students of University  
of Montana, Missoula

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

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**Informational Testimony:** None.

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:20:57 REP. ROBERTS  
02:21:40 REP. GROESBECK  
02:22:03 Randy Arnold, Previous Game Warden Trainee  
02:23:27 REP. KOOPMAN

Closing by Sponsor:

02:26:36      **REP. LARRY JENT (D), HD 64** closed the hearing on  
HB 337.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

02:27:59      Chairman Golie passes Chairman responsibilities to  
Vice Chair Clark

02:28:26      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 79 DO PASS.  
**EXHIBIT(fih25a14)**

02:28:58      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 79 BE AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:29:15      Doug Sternberg

02:30:38      **REP. GOLIE**

02:31:31      Vote:    Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:32:02      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 79 DO PASS AS  
AMENDED.

Discussion:

02:32:30      **REP. FACEY**

02:34:59      **REP. CLARK**

02:35:38      Vote:    Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with **REP.**  
**KOOPMAN** voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 312

02:36:13      Motion:    **REP. GOLIE** moved that HB 312 DO PASS.

Discussion:

02:36:35      **REP. GOLIE**

02:37:24      **REP. SALES**

02:45:14      Motion:    **REP. SALES** moved that HB 312 BE AMENDED.

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**Discussion:**

02:39:00 REP. GOLIE  
02:39:55 REP. BROWN  
02:40:14 REP. GOLIE  
02:40:24 REP. WARD  
02:41:05 REP. GOLIE  
02:41:24 REP. KOOPMAN  
02:42:02 VICE CHAIR CLARK  
02:42:20 REP. GOLIE  
02:43:05 REP. ROBERTS  
02:43:32 REP. GROESBECK  
02:44:59 REP. FACEY  
02:45:24 REP. MILBURN  
02:46:32 REP. HAMILTON  
02:47:09 REP. COHENOUR  
02:48:45 REP. SALES  
02:49:30 REP. CLARK

02:50:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with REPS. BALLYEAT, BROWN, EVERETT, KLOCK, KOOPMAN, MILBURN, ROBERTS, SALES, WARD, and WARDEN voting aye.

02:51:03 **Motion:** REP. GOLIE moved that HB 312 DO PASS AS AMENDED.

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**Discussion:**

02:51:45 REP. COHENOUR  
02:52:33 REP. BROWN  
02:52:54 REP. ROBERTS  
02:53:15 REP. CLARK

02:54:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with REPS. KOOPMAN and WARD voting no.

02:55:52 REP. GOLIE resumed his position as Chairman.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 208**

02:55:16 **Motion:** REP. CLARK moved that HB 208 DO PASS.

02:55:29 **Motion:** REP. BROWN moved that HB 208 BE AMENDED.  
[EXHIBIT\(fih25a15\)](#)

**Discussion:**

02:56:58 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division  
03:00:11 **REP. CLARK**  
03:01:08 Doug Sternberg, Legislative Services Division  
03:01:59 **CHAIRMAN GOLIE**  
03:03:10 Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife &  
Parks  
03:03:54 **REP. FACEY**  
03:05:32 **REP. BROWN**

03:06:03 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

03:06:23 **Motion/Vote: REP. BROWN moved that HB 208 DO PASS  
AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice  
vote.**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298**

03:07:28 **Motion: REP. CLARK moved that HB 298 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

03:07:41 **REP. CLARK**  
03:08:38 **REP. KOOPMAN**

03:09:05 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:09:56

Adjournment: 6:15 P.M.

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REP. GEORGE GOLIE, Chairman

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DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([fih25aad0.PDF](#))**